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BORDER WILDCATTERS ARRESTED

(San Diego, CA) The San Diego Police Department has begun heightened enforcement at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa Border crossing area on wildcatters. Wildcatters are individuals and companies that offer transportation for hire to pedestrians and travelers from the border area to other locations, usually within Los Angeles. Wildcatters jeopardize the safety of their passengers and place them at risk by not complying with transportation laws. Residents and business owners in the San Ysidro neighborhood of the City of San Diego complained to police about wildcatters, prompting heightened enforcement.

During today's operation, The San Diego Police Department's Border Crime Suppression Team arrested six individuals for offering transportation services. Three vehicles were impounded and over \$900.00 dollars in currency was taken as evidence. Those arrested face fines of no less than \$350.00 dollars, stay away orders from the area, and possibly time in custody.

The San Diego Police Department has teamed up with the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit for the Southern region of the City of San Diego. The Neighborhood Prosecution Unit works with police and community members to identify chronic community problems.

The crack down on wildcatters will continue at all hours of the day and night.

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